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Rapid River News!

March 25, 2008

From L.R.B.O.I.



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(Natural Resource related items)

- **Flint Steelheader Show.** "Tribal Law Enforcement Officer, Capt Dave Deforest did one great job representing the interests on the LRB tribe and the entire town of Manistee, MI recently. In a room filled with 70 hard core fishermen, he did more to ease tensions and explain the whys & wherefores on steering clear of the trap nets, than I ever expected! The LRB earned a lot of respect with Dave's skills as a speaker." This is a quote from the show organizer, Michael Brown.

(Public Safety/Court related items)

- **IACP Picks LaPorte.** Tribal Public Safety Director Joseph LaPorte has been chosen by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to be Chair of the Indian Country Law Enforcement Section. He will represent tribal law enforcement issues in national forums.

(General area items)

- **Club Keno settled!** The tribe and the state of Michigan have settled their long-running lawsuit and locked in payments to the state at a lower rate; maintained support for local government units at the current levels; continued to protect tribes from competitive casinos and extended the Compact through 2028. See the May **Currents** for details.
- **Membership Meeting April 12th.** Be sure to plan to attend the Spring Membership Meeting at the Little River Casino Resort. Schedule details will be in the next **Currents**

(Cultural)

- **Spring Fire at Membership Meeting.** Firekeepers from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians have announced that there will be a Spring Fire during the Spring Membership Meeting. The fire will be held at the Gathering Grounds and all members are welcome to come and celebrate the fire and pay their respects.
- **Language Instructor given award!** Kenny Pheasant has been awarded a Native American Excellence Award from a partnership of SBC Ameritech and CMU Public television for Arts and Culture, a special tribute award from the state of Michigan and an outstanding service award from the Manistee Public Schools. The Michigan Indian Education Council is proud to award its 2008 Distinguished Service Award to Kenny Pheasant.

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(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Constitutional Change.** The Office of the Ogema is looking for your thoughts on changes to the Tribal Constitution. See the next **Currents** for details on how to comment or look at the tribal website www.lrboi.com for a form to electronically comment
- **Burger appointment!** Jessica Burger, the Tribal Health Director was nominated by the Bemidji Area Office and has been appointed to the *National Indian Health Board* (NIHB).
- **Economic Stimulus Checks.** The Tax Department reminds you that to receive your economic stimulus check from the Federal (US) government, you have to file your 2007 taxes. Also watch out for unscrupulous lenders who offer 'loans' against the government check! See the May **Currents** for details.

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